We all know that the best seed in the world will not insure a good harvest, unless there is also good soil, thorough culture and the heavy influences of sun and rain. Is it to be presumed that a man can get a soul at less cost than a bushel of corn ? That for the one he must plow and plant and hoe and be vigilent to reap down the weeds, while for the other he need take no thought? If any one had any such notion it is a false notion, and will lead him into the greatest mistake of his life One can have in this world only what he pays for, and what is best always costs most.

I ask you, young man, young woman, what sort of soul are you bargaining for ? Are you slipping along from day to day, more intent upon having a good time than upon looking after the most sacred interests of your lives? Are you doing the things that you feellike doing, putting your pleasures first, and letting your duties take care of themselves ? Are you taking all the good things that come to you without a thought of making the world any return ? Do you think of yourselves first, last, and always ? Are you drifting with the current instead of striking out boldly for independence and an individual life? Are you doing your thinking by proxy, getting an outfit of secondhand opinions, and do you fancy that the world owes you a living ? Then let me tell you that your soul will be shriveled and poor and thin. It will have no humanity in it. You will be neither God's workers nor the world's helpers. Faces will not brighten at your coming, nor blessings follow you when going. You will not have given much for your soul nor will it be worth much. You will get little satisfaction out of it, the world will be no better for it, and the devil (if there be any devil) will not offer much for it, knowing that after a lazy fashion of its own it will drift to him by an rresistable attraction

WOMAN'S LOVE.

A sentinel angel, sitting high in glory, Heard this shrill wail ring out in purgatory: "Have mercy, mighty angel, hear my story.

"I loved, and, blind with passionate love, I fell; Love brought me down to death, and death to hell. For God is just, and death for sin is well.

"I do not rage against his high decree, Nor for myself do ask that grace shall be, But for my love on earth who mourns for me.

"Great Spirit, let me see my love again, And comfort him one hour, and I were fain To pay a thousand years of fire and pain."

Then said the pitying angel, "Nay repent That wild vow. Look! the dial finger's bent Down on the last hour of thy punishment."

But still she wailed: "I pray thee let me go; I cannot rise to peace and leave him so ! Oh, let me soothe him in his bitter woe!" The brazen gates ground sullenly aiar

And upward, joyous, like a rising star She rose and vanished in the ether far.

But soon adown the dying sunset sailing, And like a wounded bird her pinions trailing, She fluttered back with broken-hearted wailing.

dust of the ground he breathed into his nostrils the philanthrapic persons of the day, proposes to work that when a new dress is needed, it is natural an opportunity to lure you into a purchase breath of life, and man became a living soul. The actively in founding the proposed schools. Pur- and very proper that one should desire as good through any such pretentions. breath of life is still the indispensable condition of suant to this end, a meeting was held in the Albert the living soul. We are not to infer because we are in the human form that God is quite done with us, that we are completed men and women, and may go about our business, living lives not differ-ing greatly from that of the brutes enting and the brute enting and the brute entities enti may go about our business, living lives not differ- change that is taking place in England as regards. ing greatly from that of the brutes, eating and the proper scope of female education and pursuits. drinking, gratifying our appetites, and pleasing He said he saw no reason why women should ourselves. If we would become living souls we not be instructed in a knowledge of law, especi must provide the rational principle, which is the ally that which affected domestic affairs, and said dogmatic belief, nor left to wither and dry up on other things that would have gladdened the souls the flinty soil of selfishnes, nor burried in the mud of the most " progressive thinkers in our own comof sensualism where it will rot instead of growing. munity. A suggestion, subsequently made by the Bishop of Manchester, is calculated to be more widely acceptable, and the great practical moment of the point it touches, perhaps more especially in England than in the United States at this time, should attract to it serious consideration.

This suggestion relates to the bearing of female education on the cause of temperance. "A better education of wives and daughters," observed the Bishop, "would keep the men from public houses." There is no doubt whatever of the truth of this, cr of its applicability to the upper as well as the middle and lower classes of society. The fact that

women are so often not the intellectual equals, or at all events not the equals in acquired knowledge of their husbands and brothers, unquestionably has its share in sending those husbands or brothers to their clubs, or saloons, or public-houses, according to their taste or degree. If women were more generally prepared than they are to discuss, with knowledge and logical ability, topics of current interest, their society would certainly be more in request by their male relatives. But, apart from the one theme that brings men and women together anyhow, we all know how comparatively rare such consequent attractions are. A good deal of the latent discontent which is felt, and the open discontent which is expressed, among women regard- the fabulously low price, at which he offers ing their condition, arises, unsuspected by them. his wares. selves, from causes which they alone are responsible for.

Whether female sufferage is to come or not, all intelligent people must rejoice in what tends to make the average female fit for it. It must be so; but, if we mistake make the average female fit for it. If women are to have the vote, it would be satisfactory to know to have the vote, it would be satisfactory to know that the aggregate standard of the franchise in if well satisfied with their part of the transaction, that the aggregate standard of the franchise in point of culture, as well as in that of intelligence, was raised by it. If women are not to have the their delight, in having fought for and obtained vote it would be satisfactory to know that an in-creasing number among them would be capable of articles purchased which were first offered for articles purchased which were first offered for their exclusion. But, waiving debate on the po-litical aspect of the subject. the social facts warrant congratulation on a movement, the uses of which are by no means limited to a single country, but are tolerably certain to extend, by example and ping, and making "great bargains," in foreign emulation, throughout the civilized world.

HOW TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY.

BY MRS H. W. BEECHER.

informed and highly cultivated ladies, tentedly, seek to amuse themselves and kill time think absolutely necessary both for happiness and respectability, which to us has little interest, and alm

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an article as can be afforded, and wish to devote as becomingly as you can; and the dress com-pleted, use it and enjoy it, being contented even if you find, afterward, that some one has put a little more trimming on her dresss, or spent more money on it than you have on yours. This we judge, is the right and most sensible way.

make the greatest display, attract the largest amount of attention and remark—is the govern-ing rule. Is not this very strange? But great is the mystery of Fashion ! We are too far behind

the times to understand it. But there is yet another mystery which we cannot comprehend. The excitement, the absorbing interest that is found in "shopping," especially in a foreign country, is a matter of great and increasing surprise. Ladies leave their homes with trunks almost bursting with the richest apparel which our New York stores can

When they land on a shore where every furnish. thing in nature is new and strange, and more of interest to be seen than they have time, with the MAMMOTH COLORED FASHION PLATES. utmost diligence, to accomplish, one would imagine shopping would be the last thing to be thought of. It is thelast; lut unfortunately, the first also; for though not even shopping can tempt many ladies from their beds to witness the gorgeous sunrise of a tropical clime, yet as soon as the late breakfast is dispatched-what next ? Why, shopping of course. And for what ? To " price" goods. The great desire of their hearts is to endeavor, by a little smattering of French, German, or Spanish, to "beat down" the mer

chant's price; while he, with still more unintelligible English, assures them, with the most lavish politeness, that to oblige the illustrious American ladies, he is ready to impoverish himself, by

But our ladies have been warned never to accept the first piece named. They are told that a little coyness, combined with Yankee "cuteness,"

coantries, is not always tempered wifh wsdom and perhaps even at home it is not any more judiciously executed. There is a marvellous infatuation about it, in all places, for some people which to us is very surprising. It can only be accounted for by the supposition that addes of wealth and leisure, finding time hang heavy on their hands, and many hours which no books or THERE is so much that good, sensible, well. home attractions can enable them to pass contill the hour for the next opera, or ball, by making useless purchases, of which they will the almost before these have been exhibited and Of Literature. Art and Fachion

respectability, which to us has little interest, and for which we can find no satisfactory reason, that weare inclined to think our youthful training must have been sadly neglected, or that some essential element is lacking in our character. We judgment, in some instances, we willingly bor, rouse up the instant certain topics are mentioned and listen with the greatest cagerness, every feature expressive of interest inductors, while was stupidly, we suppose, feel no congenial enthins arsm. Ought we not to be ashamed of our obtusstled, begin your researches, leisurely no need of buying in haste, and repenting at leisure. If the A Series of Social Life Stories. By T. S. Arthur purchase to be made is of any great importance, never decide at the first sight. Take a pattern of the And what are the topics that have such fascin-ations? Just allude to some *new fashion*, and ob-time in the examination. When you return to serve the effect. Must there not be some magic your hotel, compare the sample with something in it ? How quickly Mrs.—forgets the book she had been so intently reading, and with digni-fied earnest.ess approaches the circle where it is similar which you have brought from home, and storcs, especially when partially tongue-tied your-self by inability to speak the language. By this point lace worn by Mrs. W., or Madame's wonderful diamonds,—the manner in which one mode of procedure you will have a better oppor-tunity to complete your purchase the next time you enter the store, having clearly arranged Notwithstanding the term "fixed price," often seen in large letters in many stores, it is true that the merchant does often make many changes in the sum demanded, perhaps compelled to do so by the determination on the part of his customers to " beat him down," never satisfied until that consummation so devoutly wished for has been achieved. But, although fully aware that it is not safe often to accept the first price named, yet we must say we do not like this higgling and chaffering in making a bargain. It greatly lowers our self-respect, and we will never stoop to it. To say, in a quiet, lady-like manner, "The price is higher than I am prepared to give," is usually quite sufficient. Most shop-keepers are quick to understand the characters of their customers, and very rapidly perceive it if you have really decided not to pay the price, and fally know your own mind. If they have the least intention of reducing the price, they will, without any more words on your part, give you their lowest terms, which you can accept or look farther ; anything rather than stoop to expostalations or persuasions with a stranger. If satis fied the article is desirable, and a fair price, Why ment, then draw nigh the common centre of at- with you ? He must be destitute of common men of all Classes," and this body, many mem. s of which are among the most learned and we desire to have solvel. We can understand your own weakness and credulity by giving him

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She wept: "Now let my punishment begin I have been fond and foolish. Let me in To explate my sorrow and my sin,

The angel answered; "Nay sad soul, go higher; To be deceived in your true heart's desire Was bitterer than a thousand years of fire."

THE EDUCATION OF GIRLS.

(From the N. Y. Times, June 30.) TTENTION continues to be paid in Eng-A TTENTION continues to be paid in Eng-land to the improvement of facilities for male education. A fresh movement has now been made under the auspices of the Princess Louise. This consists in the establishment of a limited liability company, under the title of the Girls' Public Day School, (Limited." A large school is to be established, to begin with, in a central position near Brompton and South Kenington, with very low prices for tuition. There re to be three departments-preparatory, junior, nd senior. The curriculum is to be very comrehensive, and will include, besides the usual hear. ranches, " social and domestic economy," logic, lass-singing and harmony, "physiology as aplied to health," book-keeping, and calisthenic excises. The training deteachers is to be made a cises. The training deteachers is to be made a pecial feature of the school, and this first institu-on is intended to be the parent and example of hers, to be established at suitable points all over e country.

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there must be something desirable-some hidden power which we have failed to discover.

in it ? How quickly Mrs .---- forgets the book

Then the last great ball is talked over. The lady's hair was dressed, is fully described-the in your own mind just what you "intend to buy, amount of powder used by another-" Oh ! did and the price you are willing to pay. you notice how Miss C.'s hair, face, neck, and arms were covered with powder-or are you really sure she was not enameled ?" " Ah ! The train to that elegant blue dress !

Wasn't it too looved y for anything ?" "Y-e-s. But I don't quite believe that was real point lace on it, and I dare say she borrowed that diamond necklace. I am sure I wouldn't do such a mein thing, just to make a show !" " Oh ! They are her own. She is very rich I

"Ah ! Indeed ! I wasn't aware of that. She generally makes so little display that I never imagined she was wealthy. She is a most excel-lent girl. J always held her in great respect !" time. The talk begins in a subdued tone ; but as the subject becomes more absorbing, the words are uttered with less caution. Then, first one lady seated apart from the group half closes her book to listen, then lays it down altogether. In another part of the room a few are discussing the merits of some book, just from the why wish to discuss the matter farther ? able circle reaches them, they stop, listen a mo- a loss to himself, just for the honor of dealing

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